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Adoption of Varying Periods
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Universities across the country adopt varying span periods within which a student is allowed to complete a programme in order to qualify for a degree
in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether University Grants Commission (UGC) has constituted an expert Committee to consider the issue;

(d) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its recommendations;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (f): In view of Order dated 27th November, 2014 of the High Court of Delhi in Letter Patent Appeal (LPA) 401 of 2014, the University Grants Commission was requested to lay down a policy guideline to be followed by the universities in the matter of the need for having a span period for completing the courses/ programmes being offered by the universities.
The UGC has informed that based on the recommendations of an Expert Committee it has framed guidelines on determination of a uniform span period within which a student may be allowed to qualify for a degree. These guidelines are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2980373_Guidelines-for-uniform-span.pdf .
The UGC has written to universities requesting them to implement the guidelines to bring about uniformity in the span period of degrees awarded by various universities across the country.
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